

# PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA



## Commission on Disability Concerns Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room Tempe Library

### MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Chairman Mitchell.

**(MEMBERS) Present:** Chair: Ed Mitchell, Adam Dregely, Irene Mochel, Sarah Kader, Chelsea Chamberlain, Diane Moran, Nora Nunez, Carolyn Hutchens, Rachel Phillips

**(MEMBERS) Excused Absence (Notification):** Tom Ringhofer, Martha Ashburn, and Jolene De Tiege

**Staff Present:** Karl Stephens, ADA Compliance Specialist

**Public Appearances: NONE**

1. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes:** 2/02/12 Draft Commission Minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Dregely to approve the Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2012, seconded by Commissioner Moran and approved unanimously.

2. **Introduction and Welcome for our new Commissioners:**

Carolyn Hutchens runs an Adult Day Center, has three kids all of whom have gone to school in Tempe. Rachel Philips has a B.S. in Justice Studies from ASU, has four kids who grew up in Tempe. They are both excited to join the Commission.

3. **Update and Status of Proposed Amendment to TCC 19-93:**

The Amendment went to effect on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. We will not know for a few months its effect The Police Department will have to provide the necessary training. It would be helpful if the Chamber of Commerce would assist in spreading the changes that are now in effect.

4. **Commissioners' Reports on Projects and Interest:**

a) **Downtown Parking Update: Chairman Mitchell**

Karl: Still has not received anything from the city. Karl wants to know what happened to the survey of accessible parking spaces.

Chairman Mitchell: There is a problem with the limited number of volunteers who give the tickets, since they also have other responsibilities. When complaints are made to the city, the response is often that there are too few volunteers. Phoenix has a good system of 4-5 individuals who focus only on issuing tickets.

**b) Section 8 Housing for Tempe Citizens with Disabilities: Ed Mitchell**

Meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 4pm with Mike Williams and Rosa Inchausti on how to approach the needs of the community for accessible housing.

**c) Social Media and Commission on Disabilities Concern Website: Jolene de Tiede and Chelsea Chamberlain.**

Commissioner Chamberlain expressed frustration regarding the lack of submissions for the calendar, requested that commissioners submit events to her as members become aware of relevant events.

**d) Support for Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns Awards Ceremony: Irene Mochel**

Date has been changed to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Still requesting nominations and looking for sponsors. The Ceremony will be held from 3:00 – 5:00 PM in the Historical Museum.

**e) College Avenue Construction: Karl Stephens**

Karl: Could not get a hold of point person, work is ongoing.

**f) Universal Design for homes and Apartments within the Tempe City Limits: Ed Mitchell**

See (b).

**g) Report on the AZDAC Conference February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol: Sarah Kader**

Commissioner Kader reported on the AZDAC conference and its success in encourage persons in the disability community to participate in the legislative process through meeting with and writing to legislators. Commissioner Kader suggested a voter education/voter registration project for the Commission and Commissioner Phillips expressed interest in helping.

**5. Report on the Status of the ADA Standards for Tempe Special Events**

Karl: Work is ongoing. Karl is working with the Special Events task force to ask more specific ADA related questions on the application for an event. Still working on getting picnic areas at Tempe Beach Park more accessible. A big project is the ADA survey. It costs \$150,000 and surveys every building, program, activity, facility, park, etc for accessibility under the ADA 2010 standards. There will be a 5 year plan made after the survey is completed and this Commission will participate in the execution of that plan.

## **6. Future Presentations by Tempe Departments**

Chairman Mitchell indicates there will be a presentation on the emergency evacuation plan for Tempe residents with disabilities. Commissioner Philips suggested making home visits to teach people with disabilities about emergency and evacuation training.

## **7. Commissioners' Issues and Concerns for April:**

Commissioner Chamberlain: 6<sup>th</sup> street/college avenue construction is dangerous, there is a lip in the road that is causing individuals with and without disabilities to trip.

## **8. Announcements by Commissioners that are of Community Interest:**

Commissioner Dregely: Autism Conference in Tempe end of March, Temple Grandin speaking, at MADCAP.

Commissioner Kader: Health and Wellness Fair at Disability Empowerment Center, April 27 and 28.

Chairman Mitchell: ASU music therapy department, Banner Alzheimer's, and City of Tempe – Making Music and Making Memory – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am, Pyle Center. First Friday of every month, open to all.

Commissioner Moran will not be in attendance next month.

## **9. Staff Update:**

Should we have a meeting at the new Sports and Fitness Center? Need to find a good date.

**10. Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Chamberlain, second by Commissioner Mochel; unanimous approval at 7:55pm.

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